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**April 21, 2009**

Peace Over Violence (formerly Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women) has declared April 22, 2009 as "Denim Day" in Los Angeles County; and

Denim Day is intended to draw attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault remains a serious issue in our society and, injurious attitudes about rape and sexual assault allow these crimes to persist and allow victim/survivors to be re-victimized; and

"Denim Day" was also instituted to call attention to false impressions and misinformation about rape and sexual assault, and the problem that many in society remain disturbingly uninformed with respect to issues of assault and forcible rape and with proper education on the matter, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing incidents of this alarming and psychologically damaging crime; and

The members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors strongly support the efforts of Peace Over Violence to educate persons in our community about the true impact of rape and sexual assault in Southern California.

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NOW, THEREFORE I MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors does hereby designate April 22, 2009 as "Denim Day," and urges everyone to wear jeans and attend Denim Day observances in their area to help communicate the message that there is "no excuse and never an invitation to rape."

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